

### Tallgrass Prairie in Kansas

Approximately four percent of our nation's original tallgrass prairie remains intact, and ninety-five percent of this prairie is in Kansas. Whether in vast acreages in the Flint Hills or small roadside remnants in the Glaciated Region, Kansans have an extraordinary opportunity as stewards of these vestiges of our natural heritage. Remnant prairies protect ecological diversity and provide habitat for increasingly rare species. They are also valuable blueprints for future prairie restoration efforts.



*Mimosa Nuttallii*  
Catchwren's blue  
P. H. Haddock

### KNPS membership benefits

- Quarterly Newsletter
- Free poster, Kansas Wildflowers: Gems of the Plains (poster may be picked-up at an outing, but not mailed)
- Field Trips (enjoy plants in their natural habitats)
- AWW (Annual Wildflower Weekend includes forays, programs, silent auction, photo contest, socializing)
- Extensive Website, [www.ksnps.org](http://www.ksnps.org)
- Education (identification, ecology, landscaping)
- Information (natural areas, propagation, restoration)
- E-list (electronic mailing list)
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Mary A. Bancroft Memorial Scholarship

### 2009 Outings & Events Sponsored by KNPS

We recommend sturdy footwear, long pants, a hat, insect repellent, sunscreen, and water!

**Apr 18: KNPS Spring Board Meeting & Outing,** Johnson Co. Visit Overland Park Arboretum 1:30-4:30pm. Bring your lunch. <[email@ksnps.org](mailto:email@ksnps.org)> (785) 864-3453

**May 9: Barber County Wildflower Tour,** Medicine Lodge, 8:30am. Co-sponsors: Barber Co. Conservation District & KNPS. Food & transport fee due May 5. (620) 886-3721, ext. 3

**May 23: Comanche County Nature Tour,** Coldwater, 8:30am. Reservations are due May 20. \$10 Charge for food. <[jkliessen@havlantelco.com](mailto:jkliessen@havlantelco.com)> (620) 738-4340

**Jun 6: Wilson County Wildflower Tour,** Fredonia, 8:30am. Date is subject to change. Co-sponsors: Wilson Co. Conservation District & KNPS. Food & transport fee due June 2. Contact Gina Thompson (620) 378-2866

**Jun 13: Symphony in the Flint Hills,** Florence. Unique pairing of music and prairie! (620) 273-8955

**Jun 14: Wildflower Class & Tour at Prairie Park Nature Center,** Lawrence, 1:30-3:30. (785) 832-7980

**Jun 14: Friends of Konza Prairie Wildflower Walk,** 7pm. Reservations due June 3. <[keepkonza@ksu.edu](mailto:keepkonza@ksu.edu)> (785) 587-0381

**Jun 21: Tallgrass Prairie Evening Foray,** Leavenworth Co, 6pm. <[email@KSNPS.org](mailto:email@KSNPS.org)> (785) 864-3453

**Jun 25: 7th Annual Grant-Bradbury Prairie Jaunt,** Topeka, 7pm. <[email@ksnps.org](mailto:email@ksnps.org)> (785) 806-6917

**Jul 11: KNPS Summer Board Meeting & Outing,** Canton. Tour Buffalo Hill Prairie, 10am-noon. Bring your lunch. <[email@ksnps.org](mailto:email@ksnps.org)> (785) 864-3453

**Sep 12-13: Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve 3rd Annual Prairie Wildflower Weekend,** Chase County, KS. <[tapr\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:tapr_interpretation@nps.gov)> (620) 273-8494

**Sep 18-20: KNPS 31st Annual Wildflower Weekend,** Pittsburg. Visit woodlands and prairies in & near Crawford Co. Enjoy native plants with us in the Cherokee Lowlands and Ozark Plateau of southeast Kansas! <[email@ksnps.org](mailto:email@ksnps.org)> (785) 864-3453



# Kansas Native Plant Society

*The mission of the Kansas Native Plant Society is to encourage awareness and appreciation of the native plants of Kansas in their habitats and in our landscapes by promoting education, stewardship, and scientific knowledge.*



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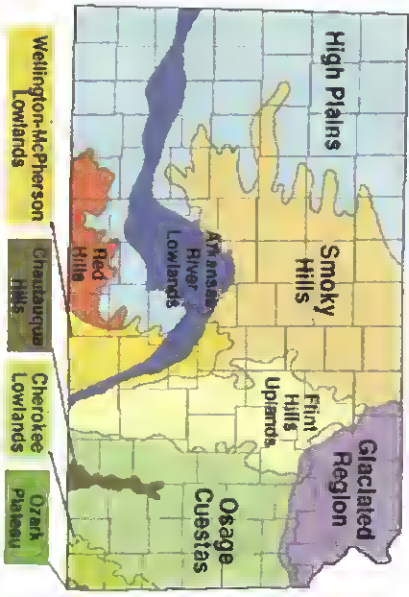
[www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org](http://www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org)

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Generalized Physiographic Map of Kansas



Map courtesy of the Kansas Geological Survey

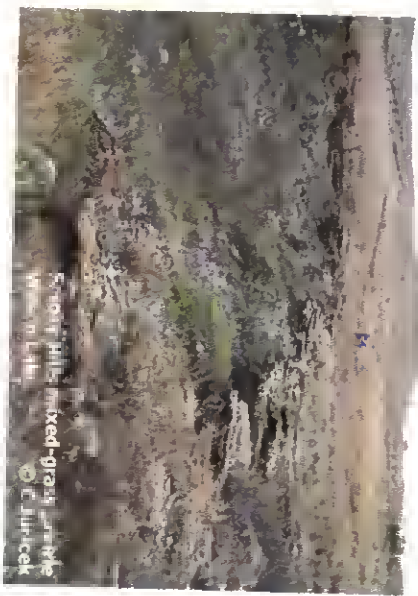
Region	Native Vegetation
Ozark Plateau	Oak-hickory mixed forest
Cherokee Lowlands	Tallgrass prairie and oak-hickory woodland.
Chautauqua Hills	Cross timbers savanna
Osage Cuestas	Mostly tallgrass prairie in the west to a combination of tallgrass prairie and oak-hickory woodland in the east.
Glaciated	Tallgrass prairie, scattered oak-hickory forests, and floodplain forests.
Flint Hills	Tallgrass prairie
Wellington-McPherson Lowlands	Tallgrass prairie and flood plain forests.
Smoky Hills	Transitional from tallgrass prairie in the East to mixed-grass prairie in the west. Some floodplain forests.
Arkansas River Lowlands	Sand prairie, sandsage prairie in the far west.
Red Hills	Mixed-grass prairie and sandsage prairie. Some floodplain forests.
High Plains	Mixed-grass prairie in the north. Sandsage prairie in the south in coarse textured soils. Shortgrass prairie in the south.

Reference: Chapman, S.S, et al., 2001. Ecoregions of Nebraska and Kansas (color poster with map, descriptive text, summary tables, and photographs) Reston, VA, U.S. Geological Survey.

Learn about the diversity of Kansas Native Plants

The Kansas Native Plant Society (KNPS) provides many opportunities to learn more about our native plants, their habitats, and how to protect them.

The state's varied landscape supports nearly 1,700 native species of flowering plants and ferns and roughly 400 alien species that have naturalized. Kansas spans most of the width of the grasslands that blanket the plains of central North America, and prairies are the hallmark of the state's natural heritage. Ranging from tallgrass in the east to shortgrass in the west, each prairie type is home to a unique set of species. Scattered across the state are marshes, forested bluffs, dry woodlands, glades, rocky uplands, chalk breaks, glaciated hills, and many other habitats, each contributing to the diversity of the flora. Wildflowers produce a kaleidoscope of colors and forms as they bloom and fruit in our prairies, forests, wetlands, and gardens. A visit to any region, no matter the season, is sure to reward the visitor with some memorable discoveries.



State Grass

KNPS is promoting Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) to be named by the Kansas State Legislature as the State Grass of Kansas. Native grasses are an important part of Kansas' heritage, providing important aesthetic, economic, and ecological contributions that make Kansas a special place to live. Please visit our website to learn more, [www.knps.org](http://www.knps.org).

Join Kansas Native Plant Society

- KNPS is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Dues are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.
- New memberships are effective from the date of joining through December of the following year.
- Renewal memberships run January to December.
- KNPS does not share our membership information with other organizations.
- Established in 1978, Kansas Native Plant Society was formerly named Kansas Wildflower Society.

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